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Reading between the lines of the very temperate report submitted by the Health Officer, Dr. Watkins, to the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco, one can readily detect a long

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line of graft, corruption, neglect, maladministration and criminal carelessness. The condition of things in the county health institutions of the greatest city on the Pacific Coast, as indicated in the report which the JOURNAL gladly publishes elsewhere in this issue, can only be regarded as frightful. The City and County Hospital would be a disgrace to medieval times; for years it has been such a menace to the lives of those who live in it that very many graduates have refused to accept its internships, and more than one case of death from tuberculosis has been practically traced to the thoroughly infected and infested "hospital." Just think of the menace to those who are sick or injured and must of necessity seek aid in such a filthy institution! At the present time, this the City and County Hospital of San Francisco, is the worst focus of bubonic plague in the city! When the Union Labor party came into control of things in San Francisco some of our members thought that they would see to it that the City and County Hospital was renovated. The JOURNAL some years ago pointed out the disgraceful condition of the place and also called attention to the fact that the persons who have to go to such a hospital are not the well to do, but the poor and the poorly supported of the laboring class—largely members of the Union Labor party—of course always excepting the "walking delegates" and the "executive secretary" and "chairman of the strike committee," all of which gentry enjoy goodly salaries and emoluments and not infrequently ride about in automobiles. In up-building the County Hospital they would have done something to help themselves and their class and would have got something out of the wreck. But no, it was not to be. Graft, politics, patronage, were in control and the very last cent must be